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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This Paper responds to the communication from the Examiner mailed June 27, 2008. Please enter the following Amendment to the above-identified Application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated June 27, 2008 for three month(s) from September 27, 2008 to December 27, 2008 . As this date was a Saturday and the Office was closed, the applicant believes this response to be timely filed by mailing on

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December 29, 2008 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a). A credit card payment form authorizing payment of the extension fee is enclosed.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this extension fee to deposit account number 19-3140.

Issues Raised in the Office Action

Claims 1 to 16 are currently pending in the application. By the Office Action dated June 27, 2008 claims 1 to 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102/103 (i.e. that the prior art is allegedly the same as that of the claim but the function is not explicitly disclosed by the reference) as anticipated by or obvious over Harsley (5,799,376).